

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO†

### EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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EXCERPTS FROM EDITORIAL NOTES

*An Ancient Opinion on the Physician.\**—"Honour a physician according to thy need of him with the honours due unto him; for verily the Lord hath created him. For from the Most High cometh healing; and from the kind he shall receive a gift. The skill of the physician shall lift up his head; and in the sight of great men he shall be admired. The Lord created medicines out of the earth; and a prudent man will have no disgust at them. Was not water made sweet with wood, that the virtue thereof might be known? And he gave men skill, that they might be glorified in his marvelous works. With them doth he heal a man, and taketh away his pain. With these will the apothecary make a confection; and his works shall not be brought to an end; and from him is peace upon the face of the earth.

"My son, in thy sickness be not negligent; but pray unto the Lord, and he shall heal thee. Put away wrong doing, and order thine hands aright, and cleanse thy heart from all manner of sin. Give a sweet savour, and a memorial of fine flour; and make fat thine offering, as one that is not. Then give place to the physician, for verily the Lord hath created him; and let him not go from thee, for thou hast need of him. There is a time when in their very hands is the issue for good. For they also shall beseech the Lord, that he may prosper them in giving relief and in healing for the maintenance of life."

*Cordial Congratulations, California!*—We congratulate the people of California on the high character of intelligence and fine discrimination which they exercised on Propositions 5, 6, 7 and 8 on November 2, 1920. These four propositions which were popularly known as the "Quack Quartet" were promoted by the allied hosts of quackery, but despite the vast sums of money that they spent, despite the orgy of lurid literature and advertising, despite their mendacious mouthpieces, despite all the misrepresentation and ballyhooing of their combined forces up and down the highways and byways of the state, the people of California defeated them decisively. . . .

*Reflections After the Battle.*—The lesson of the campaign is above all else, now that our sinews are tried, that we have won a notable and tremendous victory, that the struggle is but begun. Each election, each session of the Legislature for a generation to come, will doubtless see attacks on public health and scientific medicine staged by the same old foes of both. The lesson of the campaign is that organization is an absolute essential for success and that we must fight in the future as hard as in the past. We have not finished. We have barely begun. These foes of health and scientific medicine are always with us. They must be controlled. This control depends on two things: an enlightened public and an organized medical

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† This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association activities some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

Historical reminiscences, papers and other archives will be welcomed by the C.M.A. Committee on History, to whom such should be sent. Address same to the Committee's Secretary, Dr. George H. Kress, Room 2004, 450 Sutter, San Francisco, 8.

\* From Ecclesiasticus XXXVIII. 1-14 verses.

## BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA†

By F. N. SCATENA, M. D.

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### Board Proceedings

A regular meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners was held at 1020 N St., Sacramento, from October 15 to 18, 1945.

Written examinations were conducted and hearings were held on petitions for restoration of revoked certificates, as well as on revocation matters.

The following changes were made in the status of licentiates after regular hearings:

*Bernard Aronchik, M.D.* Certificate restored and he was placed on probation for a period of five years without narcotic privileges and with other specified terms;

*William Brown Carr, M.D.* Placed on probation for five years without alcoholic liquors and to report as specified in terms of probation;

*Howard Doane Mayers, M.D.* Certificate suspended for six months and placed on probation for additional five years without alcoholic liquors and to report as specified in terms of probation;

*Norman Claude Smith, D.S.C.* Placed on probation for five years without narcotic privileges and to report as specified in terms of probation.

### News


"Raymond L. V. Silvio, 52, of 1405 Fourth Street was fined \$500 today when he pleaded guilty to posing as a physician and selling 'medicines' brewed from fruit rinds and herbs to Sacramentans for as much as \$39 a bottle. He was charged with practicing medicine without a license after his arrest by Joseph W. Williams, special agent of the board of Medical Examiners. Municipal Judge James M. McDonnell ordered Silvio to serve six months in the county jail in event he cannot pay the fine. Williams claims Silvio during the last two months has victimized more than fifty west end residents, selling medicines he made himself in the kitchen of the hotel where he resides. The concoctions were put up in used wine bottles and coffee jars, usually of one quart size, and sold for prices ranging from \$26 to \$39 a bottle." (Sacramento Bee, Sept. 28, 1945.)

"On a self-imposed fast at Lincoln Heights Jail is Prof. Alfred Jacob Newman who plans to forego his victuals until—well until . . . Born Yacov Raphael Novachovitch, Prof. Newman, who says he has practiced in Los Angeles for 13 years, described himself as a chiropractor, osteopath, naturopath, hydrotherapist, electropathist and neuropathist. He's in jail under conviction on three counts of violating the Business and Professions Code and one count of violating the Health and Safety Code. He was sentenced to pay a \$250 fine or spend 50 days in jail on the first three counts, 90 days on the fourth count with the jail sentences to run concurrently. Drinking three or four quarts of water daily, so his stomach won't shrink, Prof. Newman reports that his weight is dropping about one pound a day. 'I'll continue to fast,' he vowed yesterday, 'until the judge allows my appeal or I am carried out of here on a stretcher.'" (Los Angeles Times, Oct. 8, 1945.)


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The proponents of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill insist that it will provide adequate medical care for the masses at cut-rate prices, yet the chances are that many competent and successful medical practitioners will not subscribe to the socialization scheme unless forced to do so. . . .

Under the impact of sickness, the first thought is for the best talent. The health and well-being of a loved one is not something one buys at a bargain counter.

The sincerity and idealism of those writing the bill is not in the least questioned; the widespread benefits to be gained by many from some sort of health insurance formula are likewise beyond question. But the application of the closed shop philosophy; however unintentional, to the medical profession, and the reducing of medical care to the bargain counter status, will not be productive of the desired ends.—San Francisco *Life*, September.

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"New evidence in the alleged abortion mill of Mrs. Inez Burns at 325-7 Fillmore Street yesterday, brought another arrest in the case, the possibility of still others and re-arrest on more serious charges against two of the accused. Mrs. Mabel Spaulding, 56, of 3834 Fulton Street, said to be a secretary-bookkeeper-receptionist at Mrs. Burns' elaborate clinic, was arrested and charged with conspiracy to commit abortions. At the same time the charge against Mrs. Burns, 57, was changed from 'suspicion of conspiracy to commit an abortion' to 'conspiracy to commit abortions.' Her alleged accomplice, Joe Hoff, 54, of 3481 Pierce Street, recently released by police, was re-arrested on the new charge. . . . Mrs. Burns, also known as Inez L. Brown, was arrested September 26

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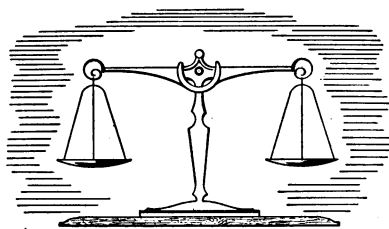
when police raided her Fillmore Street clinic and discovered a safe containing \$300,000 in cash at her home, 274 Guerrero Street. . . . Early this month the Grand Jury refused to indict her on the current charge. Les Vogel, foreman, said evidence was insufficient. District Attorney Edmund G. Brown has announced he will press the conspiracy charge against the accused." (San Francisco *Chronicle*, Oct. 26, 1945.)

"'Guilty' to a charge of unlawfully prescribing and administering a narcotic, cocaine, for himself, was Dr. Rexford W. McBride's admission this morning to San Mateo Municipal Court Judge Francis W. Murphy, who sentenced the doctor a maximum penalty of 30 days in the

county jail or payment of a \$500 fine. Dr. McBride, prominent Burlingame physician, with offices at 205 Park Blvd., was charged July 27 with three violations of the State Narcotics Act in a complaint signed by Inspector Anthony J. Gazzoia of the state narcotics enforcement division. . . . It is possible that the division, with offices in San Francisco, will now launch a county wide investigation of the alleged misuse of narcotics. . . ." (Burlingame *Advance*, Sept. 19, 1945.)

"Dr. G. H. Penwell, 48, 911 Thirteenth Street, was arrested by state highway patrol officers on a charge of drunken driving late yesterday afternoon and placed in the county jail following a two car collision just south of the Tuolumne River bridge on the Crows Landing Road. Dr. Penwell was released from jail today after

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posting \$250 bail. The highway patrol said Penwell's machine and a car operated by August Ernest Althoff, 313 Victoria Drive, were involved in the crash. No one was injured. Althoff signed a complaint against the doctor charging him with drunken driving." (Modesto Bee, Sept. 28, 1945.)

### More About DDT

An interview with Dr. Paul Muller of the J. R. Geigy Company, Switzerland, to whom the world owes a debt for the discovery of the insecticidal properties of DDT, and tall, suave Dr. Paul Laüger, Director of Research there, brought forth some interesting information regarding DDT.

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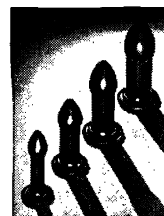
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there in December, 1943. One of the results of this spectacular victory was that all cloth from which British army uniforms are cut is now first dipped in a DDT solution.—*Bulletin* of the Office of Pharmacal Information.

### Economic Issues Facing Hospitals

The future of American hospitals and some of the economic issues confronting the voluntary system receive careful consideration in the second book of the 1945 *Hospital Review* which substitutes for the annual convention of the American Hospital Association. This volume, discussing expansion of facilities, Blue Cross, the Commission on Hospital Care, hospitalization of veterans,

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the care of the medically indigent, and other hospital problems, will be distributed to Association institutional members the first part of November.

Prefaced with an interpretation of the growing responsibilities of the voluntary hospital in the light of economic trends and public desires, the book treats in some detail fields in which hospitals may effect great advances for improved hospital service to their communities.

In a statement on Federal grants-in-aid for hospital surveys and construction, originally presented before a Congressional subcommittee considering the "Hospital Survey and Construction Act," the need for nation-wide planning of hospital facilities and for financial assistance

to regions with limited funds for health facilities is explained. Federal grants, to be administered by state governmental authorities under the general supervision of the surgeon general of the U. S. Public Health Service, would be used to inventory existing hospitals and health centers and determine the need for additional construction; to develop programs for the construction of hospitals and health centers which would afford adequate health facilities for all of the people; and to construct facilities in accordance with needs indicated by such surveys.

Some of the administrative difficulties encountered in the first studies and an indication of the final reports of the Commission on Hospital Care, nation-wide analysis of hospital needs as compared to hospital facilities, are presented by Dr. A. C. Bachmeyer, director of study.

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Although the Commission has not yet formulated or suggested specific policies, it has come across a number of broad problems confronting American hospitals today. These Dr. Bachmeyer outlines in "Some Problems Confronting American Hospitals," the first preliminary paper to be issued on the important two-year study being conducted nationally under sponsorship of the American Hospital Association and a commission whose members represent every segment of American life.

Expansion of Blue Cross plans to secure increased benefits and coördination with physicians' plans are treated in "Blue Cross Plans and Hospital Management," by John R. Mannix, chairman of the Hospital Service Plan Commission and head of the Plan for Hospital Care in Chicago. Positive action programs of public health by the Plans, the enrollment of low-income groups, and unified programs in communities and states to include all hospitals are given consideration for the future.

"Hospital Care of the Medically Indigent," by Everett W. Jones, vice-president of the Modern Hospital Publishing Co., compares the various states' provisions for hospital reimbursement for care of the indigent. Preliminary measures by hospitals to facilitate the securing of adequate government payments are suggested—the accurate determination of total income and patient days of care for the indigent, coöperation among non-governmental hospitals in developing better administration for state, city and county hospitals, etc.

Treatment of short-term non-service-connected illnesses of war veterans in community hospitals is weighed in "Hospital Care for Veterans." Background experiences

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in voluntary hospital care of veterans at government expense and a discussion of proposed measures to insure adequate hospital care for ex-servicemen are presented by Arden Hardgrove, superintendent of Norton Memorial Infirmary in Louisville and member of the Association's Council on Government Relations.

The first of the three books comprising the 1945 *Hospital Review*—"The Individual Hospital"—has now been distributed to member hospitals. Separately printed articles—"Measuring the Community for a Hospital," "Organization of the Medical Staff and Governing Board," are available for purchase. The address of the American Hospital Association is 18 East Division Street, Chicago 10, Illinois.

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The doctors, firmly convinced that the private practice of medicine is the American way to good health service for everyone, spearheaded the successful fight against compulsory health insurance at the last session of the Legislature. They were certain that State medicine, vigorously pushed by the C.I.O. and the Warren Administration, meant poorer, not better health care for Californians, and danger to continued progress in medical science. The doctors had their own answer to the need

for prepayment of health costs—voluntary health insurance.

More than six years ago the California Medical Association pioneered prepaid health protection through the California Physicians' Service, by which people can provide for sickness expense on a regular budget basis. The system has demonstrated that good medical service can be provided practically and economically without strangling patients or doctors in bureaucratic red tape.

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When doctors prescribe a selling job for themselves—that's news. And if the job means better health for more people on a sound basis—that's good news!—*Vista Press*, September 20.

## The Influence of Marital Separations on the Birth Rate

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### THE INFLUENCE OF MARITAL SEPARATIONS ON THE BIRTH RATE

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old per 1,000 native white women of ages 15 to 49 classified according to their marital status and place of residence.

Among white women of ages 15 to 49, whose first marriage had remained unbroken to the time of the 1940 census, there were 482 children under 5 years of age per 1,000 women. As compared with this, the ratio of children under 5 per 1,000 was 451 among all women in the same age group who had ever been married—that is, including the widowed, divorced, separated, and the remarried. The difference between these two ratios measures approximately the influence of marital separations in depressing the birth rate among native white women. The reduction naturally varies with the age of the

women. Among those under 25 years of age, the reduction is 4 per cent; it increases steadily with advance in age, rising to almost 13 per cent in the age group 40 to 44 years. This risk is, of course, a reflection of the increasing proportions of widowed, divorced, and separated women with advance in age.

**Athanasius Kircher (1602-1680).**—One of the pioneer microscopists, the Jesuit priest, Athanasius Kircher, took up where Fracastorius left off. With his 32-power microscope he studied putrefaction and even tried to determine the cause of plague by examining the blood of plague victims. Though it appears well-nigh impossible that his microscope could have enabled him to see plague bacilli—the “worms” described in his “Scrutinium pestis”—he had unquestionably more than an inkling of the germ theory.—Warner’s *Calendar of Medical History*.